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Dear Mr. Kilman:

I read with great interest your front-page article in today's issue of *The Wall Street Journal*. The refusal of the FDA to label genetically-engineered foods has long been a concern of American consumers. This concern is growing significantly as an increasing number of the American public become outraged upon discovering that they have somehow been denied the right to choose the most wholesome foods for their families.

A lawsuit was filed in May of this year by The Alliance for Bio-Integrity, *et al.* challenging the FDA's policy not to require labels on "transgenic" foods. On June 17, the First National Summit on the Hazards of Genetically-Altered Foods was held in Washington, D.C. Though little advertized, this meeting was well attended by consumers, consumer advocate groups, and the press. At this meeting, the *first installment* of signatures (over 500,000) was presented to the White House, FDA, USDA, and U.S. Congress from persons all over this country. These signatures were **not** from Europe, Japan, the UK or any other country. These were American citizens protesting the gene-altering biotechnology and supporting the demands of the lawsuit for safety testing and complete and prominent labels on any products considered "genetically-altered."

This topic has serious repercussions for investors in biotechnology -- surely those who cover the business section should have picked up on this anti-biotech sentiment among Americans and wanted to follow a lawsuit challenging the FDA's decision NOT to label gene-altered foods, thus depriving the American public of a right to choose. *The Wall Street Journal's* subscribers need this information to make informed investment decisions!!

From your article one gets the impression that, thus far, Americans remain oblivious to the uproar going on in Europe and elsewhere. That is far from an accurate presentation. Americans, like the rest of the world, have had enough pollution of their air, water and food, and are speaking out by protesting -- in greater and greater numbers every day.

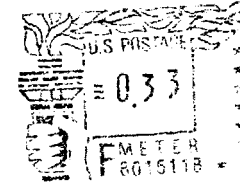
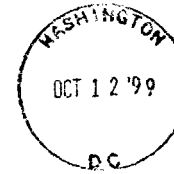
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